

Invitations and Blessings for Women from Pres. Nelson

I make the
scriptures
my
personal
Liahona

The temple is
my place of
refuge and
recalibration.

Through
prayer I
learn where
the Lord
needs me
to be each
day.

I am
astonished by
how He guides
me to be
exactly where
I can lead,
guide, and
walk beside
someone who
needs me.

I am blessed
with
increased
spiritual
discernment
and the
ability to
find joy in
offering
relief to
others.

I am
blessed
with
wisdom to
discern
what is
needful and
to not run
faster than
I am able.

I have
courage to
live up to
my divine
privileges
as a
covenant
daughter
of God.

I realize that
my divine
gifts as a
daughter of
God give me
the power not
only to
change lives
but to change
the world.

I feel deeply
that Heavenly
Father and His
son Jesus
Christ know me
and love me.
They sent me
to earth now
because I am
vital to The
Kingdom of
God now.

The Powerful Voice of Women

I am humbled and in awe of the unmatched voice I have as a woman in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and how God has magnified the voices of women of my faith to reach the ends of the Earth.

First, the most obvious. The prevalent and miraculous way women's voices are heard on social media, helping to fulfill the prophecy that the major growth in the church would be because of our articulate testimonies and joyful examples.

But consider this as well. I personally have never been called to be the president of anything. I've only ever served in a presidency for a total of 4 of the last 28 years. I HAVE had the sacred privilege of sustaining my husband as he has humbly served the Lord in leadership callings for most of our marriage. People could easily assume that I don't have much voice. Yes, there were vulnerable moments when I was blind to the bigger picture and I questioned my value. But now I see how much my husband relies on and counsels with me and how much my influence has impacted his leadership.

I know this isn't unique to me. I was familiar with the teaching style of Wendy Watson Nelson when our current prophet married her. I had studied her words while getting my degree. What I was surprised to discover was that sometimes when he spoke I could hear something different in his delivery but still familiar to me. I could hear his wife. I know the voices of women are heard even though we may not always be the ones sitting on the stand, speaking at the pulpit, or sitting in a meeting.

Beyond that, I couldn't be more humbled that when my 5 children (4 of whom are boys) serve in any capacity my voice will echo in their service and words. My voice is being heard as my son shares the gospel in Chile. My voice is being heard as my daughter ministers to her friends. MY VOICE IS HEARD. YOUR VOICE IS HEARD. Of this I have no doubt.

Even though she never demanded recognition, I cannot help but hear the voice of Mary as I study the life of her son and my Savior Jesus Christ. What a sacred privilege it is to have such a powerful voice as a wife and mother.

THE MOST POWERFUL place to use our voices in this world is in our homes. We cannot let Satan distract us from that responsibility, that place where our voices will be magnified beyond our ability to comprehend.

Women of God who magnify their divinely given gifts through the priesthood power they are endowed with BLESS the world just as powerfully as men who honor their priesthood. It amazes me how God's perfect plan allows for His children to be blessed through His priesthood in two completely unique ways. Ways that provide potential for both man and woman to fill the measure of their creation in such complementary perfection. But when woman or man miss the mark and work contrary to God's wisdom, they are working DEVOID of the exact power and voice they desire and that God wants to bless them with.